

Assistant Director for Operations

7 February 1956

Chief, FBID

Progress Report for January 1956

Operations

1. The special wire service to Ambassador Johnson in Geneva continued throughout January at an average of about 2,000 words per day. Some improvement in speed of processing the Peking Press Review was achieved by placing the responsibility on the London Bureau for filing this program from the NCHA English Morse-cast which is received by the EDC.
2. With the transfer of responsibility for production of the "Targets" from the Liaison Office to the Editorial Branch, certain changes in procedure were instituted. Spot targets are issued by wire as required; weekly target lists are transmitted to the field each Friday by wire; classified target material, amplifying the weekly wire message, is prepared for the Field Bureaus and sent out each Friday in a classified memorandum; the regular periodic target lists, reformed somewhat, are mimeographed and issued at the same intervals. This system is an attempt to improve guidance to the field. Chiefs of Field Bureaus have been asked to comment on the new system and suggest improvements.
3. A staff study, showing that the mission of the Hokkaido Bureau could not be fulfilled to any appreciable degree by Tokyo and Okinawa Bureaus, was furnished for Office of Operations transmittal in reply to the DD(I)'s question on this point.
4. A major reorganization of the English Morse service from NCHA Peking took place in mid-January which resulted in some net disadvantage to FBIS, principally in respect to capability for speedy service. Although a coverage plan has been arranged which insures complete intercept, the responsibility for prompt service on flash material is now shared with EDC; the attendant transatlantic communication lag will at certain hours reduce FBIS flash capabilities by one to two hours over that formerly held at Santa Rosa at all hours.
5. A support project for SR Division involving supply of recordings of the Soviet Home Service by EDC through the London Bureau for more than a year has been discontinued in favor of an adequate

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substitute service which has been tested at the East Coast Bureau for the past few months.

6. The Office of Communications has now advised that the problem of [redacted] has been resolved and that active negotiations are now in progress with the Navy in order to arrange a [redacted] from the Okinawa Bureau.

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8. The Mediterranean Bureau progress report for December, received this month, showed that emergency radio communications via the State Department radio station Nicosia to the Cable and Wireless transmitters were necessary for a total of fourteen hours on 17-18 December due to disruptions of land lines, presumably by sabotage.

9. [redacted] PP Staff, advises that the OCB subcommittee on which he is the Agency representative recently expressed grave concern over Soviet efforts to develop television as a medium to propagandize the West. A draft paper, of which a copy is promised, will reflect the attitude that regular monitoring of strategic border TV transmitters should be undertaken and that surveillance should be extended into the Soviet film exchange program. FBID is contemplated as the responsible organization for this effort, and it was requested that the matter be given serious preliminary consideration up through the DD(I) level.

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11. A final report on Soviet Antarctic Whaling Fleet expeditions was prepared by [redacted], part-time cruising monitor at the East Coast Bureau. This report was forwarded to the AD/O for transmittal to the AD/CI. [redacted] then resigned in favor of taking

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up meteorology studies [redacted]
loss will be seriously felt by FAID.

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13. Good progress is indicated in the standardization of EEC/FBIS monitorial procedures by a recent issuance of instructions to EEC monitors requiring of them designation of the various kinds of processing in conformance with long-established FBIS procedures. This is a reflection of the diligence of Messrs. Weiss and Weir of the London Bureau who have for the past eighteen months concentrated on having the EEC accept FBIS terminology and practices.

14. The completion of the review of the German Bureau workload awaits one final determination, i.e., the usefulness of the press clipping service performed primarily for the Strategic Group in Frankfurt.

15. The Chief, Austrian Bureau, was asked to conduct a survey on the feasibility and possible benefits to be derived from combining the Austrian and German Bureaus at a location such as Munich; or the simple relocation of the Austrian Bureau to Munich. In this connection he has visited both Frankfurt and Munich and at the latter location has discussed the suggestion with the Director, [redacted] A full report is expected momentarily.

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16. The most important Radio Propaganda Reports issued during the month described Communist reaction to the President's message on the State of the Union and to the LIFE article on Secretary Dulles' diplomatic techniques. Papers were submitted to OMB in support of national estimates on Berlin and on Burma.

Facilities

17. Army Signal communications between Hokkaido Bureau and Tokyo were improved effective 1 January by direct connection through a full duplex circuit with the Tokyo primary Signals relay. Previously communication had been through a secondary relay at Sendai which was a source of chronic difficulty. Arrangements for necessary additional equipment were handled by the Engineering Staff.

18. In an attempt to improve communications between the Saigon Embassy, including FBIS, and the Army Signals relay at Clark Field,

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Luzon, a direct patch of circuits through the NAAO relay at Cholon was substituted for the previous tape relay system. Although no significant improvement in speed of delivery to Washington has been noted, the automatic connection has increased the reliability of service.

19. Work on new equipment included operational testing of the magnetic belt recorder and transcriber developed by Dictaphone Corporation (test completed and equipment returned for replacement of defective parts), and consultation with the Engineers of CGS Laboratories who are attempting to improve the performance of some components of the code converter.

20. The Tokyo Bureau was authorized to obligate up to \$500 for improved antenna facilities.

21. A memorandum from the Assistant Director for Operations to the Department of State requested the latter to investigate the willingness of the Government of Turkey to have an FBIS monitoring station in Turkey. Turkey is regarded as the most promising relocation area should the Cyprus station be forced to close.

22. An Army request for payment of rent on Okinawa land held by the several U.S. agencies operating on the island brought protests from all concerned over the approximately 300 percent increase. FBIS is protesting that full rental should not be charged on its antenna field since it is 70 percent farmed by the owners. The outcome is in doubt.

23. The position of the Office of Operations with regard to retention of rights in the Sobe area of Okinawa was stated in a memorandum to the Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2. In summary it said that FBIS has no need for space at Sobe provided the Air Force has no plans for reactivation of the Bolo Point air strip.

24. Construction of six 2-family duplex, two BOQ units and associated utility work authorized under Project ID/I-172-55 is approximately 82 percent complete. Three duplex and one BOQ units are scheduled for final inspection on 4 February.

25. A project outline for construction of seven 3-bedroom single family houses with FY 56 budgeted funds has been submitted to appropriate offices for concurrence prior to submission to the Project Review Committee for approval. This is the final phase of the Okinawa Housing Construction Program. Housing now under construction must be completed before the final phase of housing construction can begin.

26. Construction of eight 2-family duplex units on Chitose Air Force Base is planned. An agreement has been reached between FBIS and

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the Air Force permitting Hokkaido staff to retain its present housing in Camp Crawford, for the duration of the Air Force tenure of this post. Under this agreement, which is subject to Construction Project approval, FBIB is required to construct and make available to the Air Force equal housing on Chitose Air Force Base. The construction project outline is nearing completion.

27. Headquarters move to the Matome Building at 1717 H Street, N.W., is scheduled for the weekend of 18-19 February. Telephone, wire and mail facilities will remain the same and no new address or routing is anticipated. Every effort will be made to eliminate interruptions or breaks in our wire services.

Administration

28. It has been determined by [redacted] Office of the General Counsel, that there is no legal obstacle preventing FBIB from offering permanent appointments to non-American personnel and thereby automatically permitting their inclusion in the Civil Service retirement system. Action to implement this is deferred pending the passage of the Foreign Employees Personnel Act of 1956 which is expected during the second session of the 84th Congress.

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29. A study of the Mediterranean Bureau wage scale was initiated after alarming reports from the Bureau Chief concerning the unwillingness of foreign nationals to continue at the Bureau in the present disturbed situation for the wages offered. He also is apprehensive over recruiting. The Bureau's recommended wage scale was not acceptable since it provided higher salaries for monitors than the highest officials of the Colonial Government.

30. The emergency in Cyprus continued but no dependents have availed themselves of the right to return to the United States at Government expense.

31. [redacted], Administrative Officer, returned from a visit to field bureaus; and [redacted] Deputy Chief, and [redacted] Chief Engineer, departed on an inspection trip of all field bureaus.

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32. Mr. Paul Eckel of the Inspector General's staff completed his inspection of FBIB.

33. The Librarian positions at the two domestic bureaus were upgraded from GS-5 to GS-7.

34. Effective 19 January 1956, the position of Deputy Operations Officer, GS-13, was established on the staff of the Chief.

35. [redacted] from the West Coast Bureau, entered on TDY

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at headquarters in preparation for his experimental TDY assignment at Sabana Seca, Puerto Rico.

36. On 30 January, [] West Coast Bureau employee, arrived in Washington to commence his 90-day detail to Foreign Documents Division.

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37. [] Chief Monitor, Hokkaido Bureau, suffered a minor heart attack from which he has recovered sufficiently to resume his duties. The attack, diagnosis, and final outcome were reported to the Office of Personnel and to the Medical Staff.

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38. During the past three months forty-five FBIID personnel were accepted into the Career Service.

39. As of 31 January, there were [] people on duty; four employees entered on duty during the month and three were transferred and/or separated.

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Enclosures:

- I Daily Averages of Field Bureau Production**
- II Special Requirements Control**
- III Personnel Supplement**

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1. Daily Average of Field Bureau Production, January 1956.
 Average computed on basis of 5-day week.

FIELD BUREAU	HOURS MONITORED	WORDAGE FILED	ITEMS FILED	ITEMS PUBLISHED
Austria	4	2,800*	28*	6*
East Coast	90	22,600	129	56
Germany	23½	16,400*	60*	50*
Hokkaido	15½	6,000	65	60
London	251	67,000	130	89
Mediterranean	71	36,600	200	151
Okinawa	100	28,100	109	96
Saigon	26	5,900*	24*	20*
Tokyo	24½	8,000*	22*	16*
West Coast	<u>92</u>	<u>32,500</u>	<u>163</u>	<u>93</u>
Total	705½	225,900	938	639

*Includes Press Scrutiny

NOTE: A daily average of 74,343 words were filed to BEC.

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7. Miscellaneous

<u>Change of Name</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Date</u>	
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8. OO Career Service Program

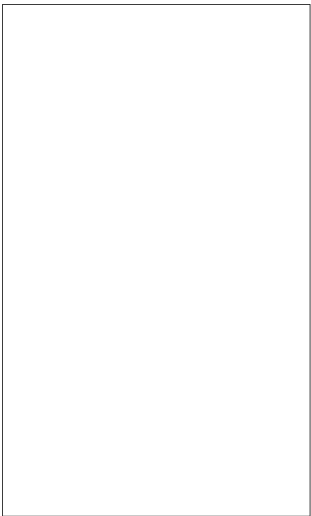
a. ☐ employees have been accepted for Career Staff membership. 50X1

b. Training Activities

<div></div>	Basic Orientation Course 9 - 27 January 1956	Internal	50X1
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	Typing 9 January - 3 February 1956	Internal	
	Shorthand 9 January - 3 February 1956	Internal	
	Elementary Russian Reading (Phase I) 3 October 1955 - 20 January 1956	Internal	
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	Basic Management Course 23 January - 3 February 1956	Internal	

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00 Career Service Program - Training Activities (cont.)



Course on Economic Development of Southeast Asia 12, 17 and 19 January 1956	Internal
Basic Supervision Course 23 January - 3 February 1956	Internal
Basic Supervision Course 9 - 20 January 1956	Internal
Basic Supervision Course 9 - 20 January 1956	Internal
Effective Writing 10 January - 15 March 1956	Internal
Advanced Spanish - Georgetown University January - June 1956	External
Capitol Radio Engineering Institute Washington, D.C. 15 January - 15 April 1956	External

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9. Foreign Travel

Name of Traveler



Destination

Date of Departure and Return

All FBIS Bureaus	19 November 1955 - 17 January 1956
All FBIS Bureaus	21 January - 17 March 1956
All FBIS Bureaus	30 January - 17 March 1956

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